

CLAIMS - CLEAN VERSION

What is claimed is:

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1. (Twice Amended.) A housing device for releasably capturing at least one of a plurality of essentially interchangeable frames containing one or more reeds in a caller for producing sound to attract wild game, said housing device comprising essentially planar elastomeric material defining an essentially planar cavity having a size sufficient to relatively snugly capture the frame without interfering with the sound producing characteristics of the reed(s), said elasticity providing resilience to said housing permitting said housing to essentially flex open to either capture or release at least one frame.

2. (Amended.) A housing device described in claim 1, wherein said housing comprises an upper surface conformed to mimic the contour of the user's palate, an essentially ventral aspect and an essentially dorsal aspect;

a dorsal perimeter of said cavity bounded by buttress of said housing, and said cavity opening towards said ventral aspect; and

said dorsal aspect of said housing comprising a flap essentially integrally extending dorsally from said buttress.

3. (Twice Amended.) A housing device described in claim 2 wherein the housing essentially comprises a pair of essentially horseshoe-shaped planar halves foldedly joined

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at their ends, each half mate-able with a corresponding plane of the other, said mated halves forming an upper plane and a lower plane as well as an essentially joined dorsal arc edge and respective ventral arc edges defining said cavity opening, essentially sandwiching within said cavity said frame containing at least one resiliently-flexible reed, wherein said housing device comprises and defines an essentially quasi-horseshoe-shaped cavity sized to relatively releasably capture the upper and lower plane and the dorsal arc edge of the caller frame, said ventral aspect of said housing comprising an essentially U-shaped ventral opening to said quasi-horseshoe-shaped cavity.

4. A housing device described in claim 3, wherein said ventral aspect of said housing device further comprises an endstop for the end of each opposing arm of the caller frame.

5. (Amended.) A housing device described in claim 4, wherein said flap is essentially crescent, having an interior arc in integral extension from said the buttress of said housing bounding the dorsal perimeter of the cavity.

6. (Amended.) A housing device described in claim 5, having a size sufficient to enable ready placement of the caller-housing combination at least near the palate of the user, said crescent flap conformed to relatively snugly contact the user's palate and prevent the passage of air between the palate and any reed.

7. (Canceled.)

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8. (Twice Amended.) A housing device described in claim 7 wherein said upper surface conformed to mimic the contour of the user's palate comprises an essentially convex surface.

9. A housing device described in claim 8 wherein said convex surface comprises a surface essentially formed as the contour of a human palate.

10. A housing device described in claim 7, said flap comprising an essentially concave lower surface.

11. (Amended.) A combination caller and housing device for releasably capturing at least one of a plurality of essentially interchangeable frames containing one or more reeds in the caller for producing sound to attract wild game, said housing device comprising essentially planar elastomeric material defining an essentially planar cavity having a size sufficient to relatively snugly capture the frame without interfering with the sound producing characteristics of the reed(s), said elasticity providing resilience to said housing permitting said housing to essentially flex open to either capture or release at least one frame.

12. (Amended.) A combination caller and housing device described in claim 11, said housing comprising an upper surface conformed to mimic the contour of the user's palate, an essentially ventral aspect and an essentially dorsal aspect;

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a dorsal perimeter of said cavity bounded by buttress of said housing, and said cavity opening towards said ventral aspect; and

said dorsal aspect of said housing comprising a flap essentially integrally extending dorsally from said buttress.

13. (Amended.) A combination caller and housing device described in claim 12, wherein:

said caller comprising a pair of essentially horseshoe-shaped planar halves each mate-able with a corresponding plane of the other, said mated pair forming an upper plane and a lower plane as well as an essentially joined dorsal arc edge and respective ventral arc edges defining said cavity opening, essentially sandwiching within said cavity said frame containing at least one resiliently-flexible reed;

said housing comprising and defining an essentially quasi-horseshoe-shaped cavity sized to relatively releasably capture the upper and lower plane and the dorsal arc edge of the caller frame, said ventral aspect of said housing comprising an essentially U-shaped ventral opening to said quasi-horseshoe-shaped cavity.

14. A combination caller and housing device described in claim 13, wherein said ventral aspect of said housing device further comprises an endstop for the end of (each^{LA} opposing arm) of the caller frame.

15. (Amended.) A combination caller and housing device described in claim 14, wherein said flap is essentially crescent, having an interior arc in integral extension from

said the buttress of said housing bounding the dorsal perimeter of the cavity.

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16. (Amended.) A combination caller and housing device described in claim 15 having a size sufficient to enable ready placement of said caller-housing combination at least near the palate of the user, said crescent flap conformed to relatively snugly contact the user's palate and prevent the passage of air between the palate and any reed.

17. A combination caller and housing device described in claim 16, said flap comprising an upper surface adaptable to mimic the contour of the user's palate.

18. (Amended.) A combination caller and housing device described in claim 17, said upper surface conformed to mimic the contour of the user's palate comprises an essentially convex surface.

19. A combination caller and housing device described in claim 18, said convex surface comprising a surface essentially formed as the contour of a human palate.

20. A housing device described in claim 16, said flap comprising an essentially concave lower surface.
